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1. CHINA

NCNA THURS BROADCAST ENTIRE TEXT OF PRC JULY 7 DIPLO NOTE
TO ALBANIA ANNOUNCING/JUSTIFYING ECON/MIL AID CUTOFF
BECAUSE OF ALBANIA'S "ANTI-CHINA COURSE" (AP SUN, NYT;
PRITCHETT, REUTER PEKING; WP).
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IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, JOC'S UNICOM NEWS (VIENNA) SAYS
ALBANIA ANNOUNCED THURS THAT IT HAD SEVERED ALL RELS W/PRC.
ALBANIAN ANNOUNCEMENT ACCUSED CHINA OF BREAKING W/MARXIST-
LENINIST PRINCIPLES/"COLLABORATING" W/IMPERIALISTS/
REACTIONARIES. BUT REUTER'S WEILAND (VIENNA) QUOTES
ALBANIAN DIPLOS THERE (7/13) THAT TIRANA HAS NO PLANS TO

SEVER TIES W/PRC/"WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE."

SUN (MOSCOW) NOTES FAVORABLE ARTICLES ON ALBANIAN POSITION
IN SOVIET PRESS; SEEN AS OVERTURES BY USSR TO ALBANIA.

VICE PREMIER LI HISEN-NINE HAS TOLD VISITING DEL FROM
JAPAN'S MITSUI INDUSTRIES THAT PRC HAS OVER 2 BIL DOLS IN
FON CURRENCY RESERVES, ACCORDING "KYODO." FIRST TIME

SENIOR PRC GOVT OFFICIAL HAS DISCLOSED SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF
COUNTRY'S FON EXCHANGE RESERVES. REPORT ADDS THAT LI SAID
PRC WILL SEEK MORE SUCH FUNDS IN TWO YRS (UPI TOKYO, JOC;
WP). IN SIMILAR STORY, REUTER (PEKING) QUOTES JAPANESE
SOURCES THAT LI PUT FIGURE AT ALMOST 3 BIL DOLS (NYT).

REUTER (PEKING 7/13), SUN (HK) CITE NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT CHINA HAS DEVELOPED NEW HIGH EFFICIENCY, FAST ACTION,
LOW TOXICITY ANTI-MALARIAL DRUG. DRUG, CALLED CHING HAO
SU (SUBSTANCE OF APIACEUS WORMWOOD), CAN BE ADMINISTERED
ORALLY OR BY INJECTION. BUT REPORT ADDS THAT DRUG CANNOT
YET COMPLETELY PREVENT RELAPSES; SAYS PHARMACISTS WORKING
TO PERFECT IT.

JOC CITES HK SOURCES THAT AMERICAN BUYING HAS INCREASED
ORDERS FOR GARMENTS MANUFACTURED THERE. SOME ORDERS DI-
VERTED FROM SK BECAUSE KOREAN FACTORIES COULD NOT MEET
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DELIVERY DATES.

OCEAN FREIGHT SOURCES IN HK SAY SHIPMENTS FROM US TO HK/
FAR EAST IN GENERAL UP SINCE APRIL, DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF
US LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE (JOC).

2. CHINA/VIETNAM

NCNA BROADCAST MONITORED IN HK ACCUSED VN TROOPS OF FORCING
CHINESE RESIDENTS NEAR BORDER OVER LINE BY ROUNDING THEM
UP, FIRING OVER THEIR HEADS. NCNA SAYS CHINESE OFFICIALS
CALLED MTG W/VIETS TO DISCUSS INCIDENT BUT WERE TOLD
CHINESE RESIDENTS W/NO PAPERS HAVE IN PAST/WILL IN FUTURE
"ASK FOR ENTRY INTO TUNG-HSING."

PRC CLOSED BORDER W/VN THURS TO STOP UNRESTRAINED INFLUX
ETHNIC CHINESE FROM VN/WILL REQUIRE FUTURE ENTRANTS HOLD
VALID TRAVEL PAPERS ISSUED BY PRC/VISAED BY SRV AND ENTER
AT CERTAIN BORDER POINTS ONLY. WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS
SUDDEN REVERSAL OF POLICY WOULD SEEM BAR VAST MAJORITY
CHINESE REFUGEES/LEAVE IN DOUBT FUTURE OF MASS MIGRATION
INTO S CHINA. SAYS IT SUGGESTS PEKING'S RELIEF FACILITIES

HAVE BEEN STRETCHED TO BREAKING POINT BY REFUGEE MOVEMENT THAT UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN "PROPAGANDA BONANZA" FOR PRC. SAYS SOME CHINESE LEADERS MAY ALSO FEEL THAT SEALING BORDER WILL CREATE NEW SOCIAL/ECON DIFFICULTIES FOR VN THAT PEKING CAN USE TO WIN CONCESSIONS.

MATHEWS QUOTES NCNA THAT PEKING'S ACTION WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE VN HAD VIOLATED JOINT "BORDER CONTROL ACCORD." SUN'S WU (HK) QUOTES AGENCY THAT VIET SPIES/"OTHER BAD ELEMENTS" HAD DISGUISED SELVES AS REFUGEES TO CROSS BORDER. SAYS BORDER CLOSING, HOWEVER, WAS ONLY ENFORCEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO ACCORD WHICH WAS OVERLOOKED AS CHINESE ATTEMPTED FLEE VN.

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MATHEWS NOTES THAT CHINESE NOT IN HANOI SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE GET TO EMB FOR REPATRIATION CERTIFICATES, THAT MANY FRIENDS/RELATIVES WHO APPLIED FOR EXIT PERMITS WERE ARRESTED--PROBLEM NCNA ACKNOWLEDGED, HE OBSERVES.

3. INDONESIA

GOI SIGNS 7-MIL-DOL LOAN AGREEMENT W/US TO PURCHASE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES/17.5-MIL-DOL LOAN TO BUY 50,000 TONS RICE ON CONCESSIONAL PAYMENT TERMS. IN SIGNING THURS, US AMB MASTERS TOLD REPORTERS INDO'S FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IS "ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL ONES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD" (UPI JAKARTA, JOC).

4. JAPAN

AGRICMINISTER NAKAGAWA TOLD TOKYO NEWS CONF 7/14 HE MAY VISIT WASHINGTON LATER THIS YR TO DISCUSS JAPAN'S IMPORTATION US FARM PRODUCTS. SAID HE WOULD DECIDE AFTER CONSULTING W/USHIBA WHEN LATTER RETURNED FROM BONN TALKS (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN HAS BEGUN TALKS W/FISHERMEN ON PLANS DUMP THOUSANDS OF DRUMS OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE ON SEABED, ACCORDING GOJ SPOKESMAN. FISHING INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS FISHERMEN FEAR LEAK THAT COULD CONTAMINATE FISHING GROUNDS, BUT SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AGENCY CONFIDENT NO SUCH DANGER EXISTS (REUTER TOKYO).

5. JAPAN/ASEAN

SOME 76 JAPANESE/ASEAN BUSINESSMEN OPENED 2-DAY TOKYO CONF THURS TO DISCUSS FUTURE TRADING RELS BETW
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ADVANCED/DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MAJOR ISSUES INCL ASEAN'S INTEREST IN HOW JAPAN INTENDS DEAL W/TRADE IMBALANCE-ESPEC W/THAILAND/SINGAPORE/PHILS. MALAYSIA ALSO HAS APPEALED TO JAPAN TO MOVE FROM MERE DISCUSSIONS TO ACTION RE ECON AID PROMISES. HOWEVER, TOKYO INSISTS IT'S TOO EARLY EXPECT IMMEDIATE TRANSLATION INTO ACTION OF JAPAN'S AID PROMISES OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

6. JAPAN/CHINA

SOVIET AMB TO JAPAN LEFT FOR MOSCOW 7/14, PROMPTING DIPLO SPECULATION THAT USSR SHOWING DISAPPROVAL OF JAPAN-PRC PEACE TALKS, SCHEDULED OPEN NEXT WK. JAPANESE FON MINISTRY SAID AMB GAVE NO REASON WHEN HE INFORMED GOJ THAT HE WAS LEAVING FOR MOSCOW. SOVIET EMB IN TOKYO DECLINED COMMENT (REUTER TOKYO).

7. KOREA

FOLLOW-UP REPORTS CONFIRM THURSDAY'S SPECULATION THAT ETHICS CMTE WILL BEGIN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 4 SITTING CONGRESSMEN IN CONNECTION W/ALLEGED SKOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME. IN REPORT MADE PUBLIC 7/13, PANEL ALSO EXONERATED 9 OTHER MEMBERS, BUT CRITICIZED SPKR O'NEILL FOR ACCEPTING PARTIES IN HIS HONOR FROM TONGSUN PARK. CMTE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD TURNED OVER TO DOJ EVIDENCE OF POSSIBLE PERJURY COMMITTED BY 2 FORMER CONGRESSMEN--UNNAMED-- IN TESTIMONY TO PANEL (REUTER'S DA SILVA 7/13; BABCOCK, WP; AYRES, NYT; AP, SUN).

FORMER REP PASSMAN WILL STAND TRIAL 10/16 ON BRIBERY/PERJURY CHARGES INVOLVING HIS "EALINGS W/TONGSUN PARK (UPI, WP).

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SEOUL VICE-MAYOR/4 OTHERS ARRESTED FOR SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN MAJOR SCANDAL OVER APT SALE. THOSE ARRESTED INCL 2 TOP EXECS OF FIRM WHICH BUILT 950 APTS FOR ITS WORKERS BUT ALLEGEDLY SOLD 600 OF THEM TO INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE, INCL 190 GOVT OFFICIALS (REUTER SEOUL).

8. AUSTRALIA

FORMER AUSSIE PM WHITLAM--FIRED IN 1975--HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL RETIRE FROM POLITICS TO BECOME LECTURER ON POL SCI/INDUSTRIAL RELS AT AUSTRALIAN NATL UNIV (REUTER CANBERRA).

MOBIL/SHELL BOTH ANNOUNCE INCREASED PROFITS FROM THEIR AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONS. MOBIL'S PROFIT ROSE 25 PCT IN '77/SHELL'S UP 11 PCT (STOVE, JOC SYDNEY).

AUSTRALIA WILL HOST COUNTRY'S 1ST INTL AIR CARGO SYMPOSIUM IN SYDNEY THIS WK, W/GENERAL THEME, "PROFIT THROUGH AIR CARGO." ACCORDING PAN AM VP, AIR CARGO/ITS

IMPACT ON AIRLINES' REVENUE GROWING RAPIDLY, BUT NOWHERE MORE THAN IN TRANS-PAC AREA (STOVE).

9. NEW ZEALAND/JAPAN

MCLAUCHLIN (JOC AUCKLAND) REPORTS NZ/JAPAN CLAIM THAY HAVE NEGOTIATED "FISH-FOR-BUTTER" DEAL--BUT DETAILS BEING KEPT SECRET. GONZ REPORTEDLY WILL ALLOW JAPANESE FISHING BOATS ENTER NZ WATERS SO LONG AS NZ MEAT/DAIRY PRODUCTS GIVEN SOME TYPE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN GAINING ACCESS TO JAPAN'S MARKETS. UNCLASSIFIED

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10. MICRONESIA

VOTE COUNTING BEGAN IN MICRONESIA 7/13 RE ISLAND UNIFICATION/INDEPENDENCE, THO NO FINAL COUNT EXPECTED BEFORE 7/23 DUE ISLANDS' VAST AREA/POOR COMMUNICATIONS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY REPORTED THAT MICRONESIANS HAVE TURNED OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO VOTE ON DRAFT CONSTITUTION (REUTER'S MILLER, GUAM 7/13).

11. BURMA

ALTHO AGREEMENT SIGNED ON REPATRIATION BURMESE REFUGEES FROM BANGLADESH, REUTER'S WIN (RANGOON 7/13) SAYS STILL NOT CLEAR HOW MANY OF 200,000 INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED. NOTES BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES WERE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD GUB THAT REPARTIATION OPRN WOULD INVOLVE ALL 200,000 REFUGEES, BUT BURMESE OFFICIALS INSIST THAT FINAL FIGURE NOT YET WORKED OUT.

IN STATEMENT ISSUED RANGOON TUES, GUB SAID REPATRIATION WILL TAKE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL BE COMPLETED

IN 3 PHASES, WILL INCLUDE THOSE WHO CAN PRODUCE BURMESE
NATL REGISTRATION CARDS/FOREIGNERS' REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATES AS WELL AS THOSE WHO CAN PRODUCE DOCS ISSUED
IN BURMA INDICATING PREVIOUS RESIDENCE IN BURMA. NOTES
BURMA CONTENDED THAT MOST REFUGEES WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

12. GENERAL

LAT'S PARROTT (7/12) COVERS 7/11 WH SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES
FOR AMBS GLEYSTEN/ABRAMOWITZ. QUOTES VP MONDALE THAT
"HARDEST PROBLEM IS ALWAYS REMEMBERING YOUR RIGHT HAND"--
REFERENCE TO GLEYSTEN WHO PUT RT HAND ON BIBLE/RAISED
LEFT. "THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WITH A LEFTIST ADMINISTRATION,"
MONDALE QUIPPED. PARROTT SAYS ABRAMOWITZ CHARACTERIZED
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HIS SWEARING-IN AS FITTING REBUKE TO HIS MOTHER WHO, ON
HEARING YRS AGO THAT HE WAS ENTERING DOS, HAD SAID, "WHAT

KIND OF OCCUPATION IS THAT FOR A JEWISH BOY?"

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. KOREA

ON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ONLY 4 PRESENT HOUSE MEMBERS GUILTY
OF IMPROPRIETIES, SUN EDIT SAYS "FIRST THOUGHT THAT COMES
TO MIND" IS THAT KIM DONG JO'S TESTIMONY MUST BE AS
IMPORTANT AS JAWORSKI SAYS, AND UNTIL IT'S PROVIDED,
AMERICANS MUST ASSUME THAT SOME 20 HOUSE MEMBERS MAY BE
GUILTY OF UNETHICAL AND/OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. OPINES THESE
20-ODD MEMBERS--BY JAWORSKI'S ORIGINAL ESTIMATE--BEING
SHIELDED BY ROKG. STATES SK'S REFUSAL COOPERATE ON KIM
DONG JO TESTIMONY "STRAINS THE HONOR" OF CONGRESS. TERMS
ROKG'S ATTITUDE "STRANGE BEHAVIOR BY AN ALLY," AS IT
CHOOSES ALLY ITSELF W/MINORITY IN HOUSE WHO BROKE RULES,
RATHER THAN W/MAJORITY WHO DID NOT.

14. ECON SUMMIT

WP EDIT FINDS "DISINGENUOUS ELEMENT" IN SOME CURRENT
"SERMONIZING" BY FRG/JAPAN RE US FAILURE SIGNIFICANTLY
CURB OIL IMPORTS. STATES WHILE US HAS NOT ENACTED
ENERGY BILL AS PROMISED, NEITHER HAS JAPAN DONE ANYTHING
ABOUT ITS "LARGE AND OPPRESSIVE TRADE SURPLUS." OPINES
JAPANESE--"NOT TO ANYONE'S SURPRISE"--WOULD RATHER DIRECT
ATTENTION TO OIL THAN TRADE ISSUES. BELIEVES SUMMIT WILL
NOT MUCH CHANGE CONDITION OF THOSE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING:
RICHER THAN EVER, BUT FEELING UNSURE/UNSAFE IN NEW WORLD
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THAT THEIR OWN RISING WEALTH HAS CREATED.

15. VIETNAM

WIEDRICH LEADS INTO CHITRIB COLUMN (7/12) ON SNEPP
DECISION BY SAYING IN MOST CULTURES, EVEN PRIMITIVE ONES,
"MAN'S WORD IS HIS BOND"--WHICH IS WHY, HE SAYS, IT IS
"DELIGHTFUL TO WITNESS THE JUDICIAL PURIFICATION" OF
SNEPP FOR VIOLATING CIA SECRECY OATH. LIKE IT OR NOT,
HE SAYS, SNEPP HAS BEEN FORCED TO EMBRACE NOBLEST OF
MOTIVATIONS W/O BENEFIT FROM FINANCIAL PROCEEDS OF HIS
ACT. SO, IF HE EVER BECOMES FOLK HERO AMONG DISGRUNTLED/
DISILLUSIONED INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, IT WILL BE BECAUSE
JUDGE LEWIS MADE HIM DO RIGHT THING ACCORDING TO LAW.

WIEDRICH DEFENDS LEWIS ON GROUNDS HE DID NOT TRAMPLE ON
SNEPP'S 1ST AMENDMENT RTS BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PROFIT
MOMENTARILY FROM BEING NOBLE MAN. CONCLUDES WHEN AGENTS

DECIDE "MAKE A BUNDLE OF BUCKS" W/INFO INSTEAD OF BRINGING
IT TO PUBLIC ATTENTION IN SELFLESS WAY, THERE IS REASON
TO SUSPECT THEIR CREDIBILITY/MOTIVES.

16. VIETNAM/CHINA

REUTER'S MACKENZIE (FRIENDSHIP PASS 7/7) INTERVIEWS YOUNG
CHINESE DESERTER FROM VIET ARMY, WHO SAID, THO HE WAS
TREATED SAME AS OTHERS IN ARMY, CHINESE BEING PERSECUTED
IN VN/HE WANTED JOIN HIS FAMILY IN CHINA. ASKED AT
TRANSIT CAMP ABOUT VIET ATTITUDES TOWARD CHINA, HE CITED
REMARK BY HIS REGIMENT'S POL COMMISSAR MADE DURING CURRENT
AFFAIRS LECTURE: "AMERICA IS OUR NUMBER ONE ENEMY AND CHINA
IS OUR DIRECT ENEMY. THE SOVIET UNION IS VIETNAM'S GOOD
FRIEND AND...OFTEN AIDS VIETNAM." TOLD REPORTERS THAT
SOLDIERS NEAR BORDER SLEEP W/GUNS UNDER THEIR PILLOWS, BUT
DON'T BELIEVE INVASION FROM CHINA WOULD TAKE PLACE.

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17. CHINA

HOELTERHOFF (WSJ 7/12) REVIEWS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT NOW
AT NY'S ASIA HOUSE, "IMPERIAL CHINA 1846-1912." SAYS
EUROPE'S CURIOSITY/EXPANSIONIST SPIRIT CLASHED W/CHINA'S
EQUALLY RESOLUTE ISOLATIONISM TO PRODUCE BLOODY, SAD/

PROBABLY UNAVOIDABLE RESULTS DOCUMENTED IN SHOW'S SELECTION OF PHOTOS. EXHIBIT INCLUDES PHOTOS OF OPIUM WARS, PICTURES FROM COURT OF DOWAGER EMPRESS TZ'U-HSI. HOELTERHOFF SAYS MOST STRIKING ASPECT, MORE SO EVEN THAN SCENES OF CARNAGE, IS "GENERALLY WRETCHED, BROKEN-DOWN APPEARANCE OF CHINESE LAND, SLIDING INTO DECAY, BARELY ABLE TO EMANATE EVEN GLIMMER OF PRESUMED ONE-TIME SPLENDOR."

AFTER 3 WKS TRAVEL IN CHINA, CSM MCBRIDE ASKS, "HOW WILL OUTSIDERS UNDERSTAND CHINA UNTIL CHINA BEGINS TO UNDERSTAND ITSELF?" SAYS ATTEMPT TO JUDGE PRC AFTER 3 WKS WOULD BE LUDICROUS. CALLS COUNTRY PUZZLE TO WHICH VISITORS GIVEN FEW PIECES. ASSERTS EVEN TO MANY CHINESE COUNTRY/ WHERE IT'S GOING REMAINS MYSTERY. NOTES DIFFERENCE OF PERCEPTION AMONG CHINA WATCHERS: ONE GROUP SAYS AMERICANS SHOULD BE TOLERANT OF CHINA, THAT IT DID NOT SPRING FROM WESTERN TRADITIONS, CANNOT BE JUDGED BY WESTERN STANDARDS; OTHERS SAY THAT DESPITE DIFFERENCE, THERE ARE UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS. MCBRIDE AGREES. THINKS PRC SHOULD BE JUDGED AS ANY OTHER COUNTRY WOULD BE. BELIEVES TOUGH, EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ASKED.

18. MALAYSIA

ACCORDING REUTER'S MYINE (KL 7/11), HOPES OF INCREASED FON INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA HAVE BEEN RAISED BY SOLID ELECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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VICTORY OF NATL FRONT GOVT. SAYS FON/CHINESE COMMUNITIES EXPECT RESULTS LEAD TO GREATER FLOW FON INVESTMENT THRU MORE FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF GROUND RULES. CONTENTS PM DATUK HUSSEIN HAS WON CLEAR-CUT MANDATE TO CONSOLIDATE GOVT ON MULTI-RACIAL BASIS/CARRY OUT HIS ECON POLICIES. NOTES HE TOOK SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT GAIN MADE BY DAP PHILOSOPHICALLY: ELECTION, HE SAID, PROVED MALAYSIA HAD DEMOCRACY/PRACTICED DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. NOTES BEFORE ELECTION, SEVERAL MEMBERS DATUK HUSSEIN'S PARTY IN PARLIAMENT/STATE LEADERSHIPS MOUNTED CHALLENGE TO PM'S AUTHORITY/ THREATENED CHALLENGE HIM/HIS NOMINEES FOR PARTY POSTS AT UMNO GEN ASSEMBLY. SAYS ALL THESE WERE DROPPED FROM UMNO CANDIDATES' LIST/THEIR CHANCES OF RESURFACING AT NEXT PARTY CAUCUS EXTREMELY REMOTE.

19. BURMA

CSM'S WINDER (7/12) REVIEWS U THANT'S MEMOIRS, "VIEW FROM THE UN" (DOUBLEDAY). NOTES MEMOIRS MUST BY THEIR NATURE BE SELF-SERVING, BUT U THANT MAKES NO ATTEMPT INFLATE HIS OWN IMPORT. SAYS VINDICATED AS HE WAS ON PRICKLY ISSUES, SUCH AS FUTILITY OF VN WAR/PRC ADMISSION TO UN, U THANT

SPARES READER OF "I TOLD YOU SO" SUPERIORITY. RESULT IS "FASCINATING BUT BALANCED ACCOUNT OF THE TURBULENT 1960S"--HIS ATTEMPT TO ACCOUNT FOR CRITICAL EVENTS/ DECISIONS WHICH COULDN'T BE ACCOUNTED FOR AT TIME HE WAS IN OFFICE AND ATTEMPT SHOW HOW HIS OWN BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY INFLUENCED HIS DECISIONS. CALLS IT "EXTRAORDINARY BLEND OF UNPUBLICIZED DIPLOMATIC ACTION AND OF DISCIPLINED PRIVATE CONTEMPLATION."

20. CAMBODIA

WP'S LIZ BECKER (7/9), WHO REPORTED ON CAMBODIA IN '73-'74, REVIEWS 2 RECENT BOOKS ON CAMBODIA. "CAMBODIA: YEAR ZERO" BY FRANCOIS PONCHAUD (HOLT, RINEHART AND WINSTON) GIVES UNCLASSIFIED

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1ST SERIOUS PIX NEW CAMBODIA, SHE SAYS, AND IT'S UNSETTLING ONE. QUOTES PONCHAUD: "I WAS COMPELLED TO CONCLUDE, AGAINST MY WILL, THAT THE KHMER REVOLUTION IS IRREFUTABLY THE BLOODIEST OF OUR CENTURY...A TERRIFYING ONE FOR ALL WHO HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR HUMAN BEINGS." IDENTIFIES PONCHAUD AS FRENCH CLERIC WHO LIVED 10 YRS IN CAMBODIA/PIECED TOGETHER REFUGEE ACCOUNTS--94 FROM LITERATE KHMERS (32 OF WHOM WROTE THEIR STORIES IN KHMER)/HUNDREDS FROM HIS OWN INTERVIEWS W/ILLITERATES--W/GOVT DOCS/RADIO PP

BROADCASTS.

PONCHAUD BEGINS BY DESCRIBING EXPLOITATION OF CAMBODIANS UNDER SIHANOUK/LON NOL AND HIS HOPE OF REVOLUTIONARIES' VICTORY AS ONLY MEANS OF BRINGING CAMBODIA OUT OF ITS MISERY. BECKER SAYS REST OF BOOK IS OVERTAKEN BY AUTHOR'S DESPAIR OF WHAT DID HAPPEN. BECKER SAYS REVOLUTION PONCHAUD DESCRIBES IS SO RADICAL IT IS W/O PRECEDENT IN ASIA, THAT AUTHOR SAYS IT IS DEDICATED TO IMMEDIATE REORDERING OF SOCIETY, BEGINNING AT "YEAR ZERO." HE CONTENTS COURSE OF CAMBODIA DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY US/ BY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY DURING WAR IN VN. "BEYOND ALL DOUBT, WE, THE FRENCH AND THE AMERICANS, BEAR PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CAMBODIAN DRAMA." BECKER CALLS PONCHAUD'S WORK "OUTSTANDING" FOR HIS PAINSTAKING ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE INFO/FOR PLACING IT IN PROPER HISTORICAL CONTEXT.

BECKER SAYS JOHN BARRON/ANTHONY PAUL USE DIFFERENT APPROACH IN "MURDER OF A GENTLY LAND" (READER'S DIGEST), BUILDING BOOK AROUND ASSUMPTION THAT STORIES OF REFUGEES MUST CONTAIN SOME TRUTH. BUT, SHE SAYS, THEY PEPPER BOOK W/FACILE POLEMICS/CONVERT REFUGEE ACCOUNTS TO MELODRAMA/ UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTRAPOLATE, W/LITTLE EVIDENCE/CONSIDERABLE SENSATIONALISM.
FOR UNDERSTANDING OF CAMBODIAN HISTORY/WHAT LED TO PRESENT
REGIME, SAYS READER MUST TURN TO PONCHAUD. CHRISTOPHER

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